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Arming, Britain Invites Peace

Both the reluctance and the determination with which Britain has entered upon her vast defense programme are illustrated by recent public statements from two of her most prominent Ministers.

Sir Thomas Inskip, in an address at Newcastle-on-Tyne, warned that, in order to prevent hindrance of the rearmament programme, certain normal phases of industry might have to be delayed for two or three years. Building activities, for instance, might be curtailed to assure the plentiful supply of structural steel for Government needs.

To offset this he urged business men to "go after foreign orders, which are the life-blood of the nation," in connection with products which were not essential to rearmament.

So far, however, from vainglorious boasting with regard to the new defense policy, Sir Thomas declared that every one must feel "the folly and wickedness of rearmament," while at the same time none could doubt that if Britain remained defenseless "she would not only have met, but deserved, her fate."

Right Hon. Neville Chamberlain, referring to the Government's decision to divert any Treasury surpluses to defense plans, was even more plain-spoken:

"Nothing but stark necessity," he said, "would have made me confess to such a negation of common sense and common humanity . . . I cannot dismiss the hope that we and the other nations of Europe may presently find some less suicidal way of ending our fears and suspicions of one another before we are all ruined by our efforts to defend ourselves."

In view of these outspoken comments, it cannot be doubted that Britain, despite the new measures which have been forced upon her, will continue every effort to find a peaceful and permanent solution for the various questions which are vexing Europe, and to promote confidence and goodwill among the nations.

Having demonstrated that if other Powers are able to allocate millions for war preparations she is willing to devote billions for the prevention and frustration of war, Britain, by the public statements of her spokesmen, invites these Powers to join her in abandoning a mad and suicidal course, and to unite for the safety and security of all.

And she makes this invitation the more compelling by the evidence she affords that neither trade nor other considerations shall dissuade her from the most thorough and overwhelming rearmament if it is rejected.

Air-Minded Travellers

Seventy-three per cent. increase in the number of passengers carried by American air lines in 1936, setting a new high record of 1,020,931, affords a good measure of the rate at which travellers are becoming air-minded. The American public has been cited as air-minded for years, but the usual meaning is that the people favor development of national services and airways. The number of fares has more than doubled in two years, and there is a growing group of travellers who prefer air travel to all other methods.

The increase in poundage of express carried by the air lines, amounting last year to more than 100 per cent., is a direct testimonial of the time-saving services of the operators. Mail and express are under no psychological influence. The only consideration is the speed of the carrier. But humans, considering their preferences and, in many cases, their confidence in the new method, are electing air travel for personal reasons. In the United States there is a new kind of traveller—the one that flies because he enjoys being an airfarer.

Still Translating the Bible

It is a little surprising to learn from the American Bible Society that nine new translations of the Scriptures or portions thereof were made last year, seven into African and two into European dialects. One would have thought that in the many centuries that have been devoted to the work of making the Scriptures known in the every day tongues of mankind the whole world would have been adequately covered. But the continuing diligence in making the Book better known to mankind shows that the zeal of the missionary and evangelist still finds new fields to occupy.

The interest that makes the Bible still a best seller in lands where it has been longest known is shown by the recent efforts to replace the Scriptures in words more of the common diction of the day than those of the King James version. That majestic version will always rank as a masterpiece of English literature; hundreds of its expressions have entered into common speech. Modernization of its phrases may grate on the cultural sensibilities of some, but the attempt is inspired by conviction that as literature and for its ethical and spiritual content the Bible ought to be still better known than it is.

These new translations into various dialects suggest the debt that linguists owe to the Bible. Many of the enormous variety of tongues spoken among men would never have been preserved in writing and printing if it had not been desired to make the Scriptures known in them. The missionary has often become lexicographer and grammarian for unschooled peoples.

Auto Accidents in Dollars

Putting it on the cold basis of dollars and cents is an effective method of bringing home to automobile drivers the seriousness of traffic accidents. The Canadian Underwriter points out that injury to persons or property, not including the driver or his passengers, costs the average driver in Canada \$55 each year; and that this does not include other enormous losses consequent upon highway crashes such as suffered by injured people whose expenses are increased while wages are lost, nor legal costs associated with claims.

It is stressed also that three out of four drivers involved in accidents cause either death or injury to some one, in at least half the cases the driver himself. So that, from the points of expense and the driver's own safety, caution on the streets and highways pays. As the Canadian Underwriter puts it: "If all drivers observed the rules of the road and drove at moderate rates of speed, 70 per cent. of the deaths, injuries and money costs of automobile accidents would disappear."

Regarding the responsibility of drinking drivers for automobile accidents, it is thought that the small percentage (1.1 per cent. of all accidents and 2.5 of fatal accidents) is an under-estimate. The theory is that because of drastic penalties provided by the Highways Act such drivers who figure in less serious smashes are given the benefit of the doubt. The driver who has had a small amount of liquor resents the imputation that he is intoxicated, and probably he is right; but, as the Canadian Underwriter says, "there is no doubt that any one who has had anything to drink is less capable of driving safely than if he were normal. Therefore, if you drink, don't drive; or, if you drive, don't drink."

Such advice has been given repeatedly, and no doubt it has some effect. It had during the New Year's Eve celebrations in Toronto, and if the same policy were followed throughout the year there would be more safety in automobile travel in this country.

SNAPSHOTS

Those who would like Daylight Saving Time this year should get busy and boost it.

In speaking at the Love banquet the other night Police Commissioner George H. Clark resented any criticism on the part of any person regarding the public servants and their duties. These remarks seemed true to form and along the line of the general mentality of the Police Commission. It is probable however that the general public in this community will feel that we have not yet reached the days of Hitler.

Mr. LeBlanc's arguments in the Legislature yesterday were so weighty that he smashed the chair. This was appealing to the chair all right.

The entrance road to D-Coy Inn would make a better skiing run than it does a winter road for cars to judge by the number of cars getting stalled there the other night. Some of the boys had a merry old time getting their cars up the hill. Others were obliged to leave the cars there all night and get pulled out in the morning. A public inn which has a sign up should have better accommodation for getting "Inn."

There seems to be all kinds of reports going around regarding suspects and arrests in connection with the recent robberies. Many of these reports are untrue. At the same time the public would be better satisfied if some effort were made to clean up these burglaries. The whole condition of affairs in regard to the numerous burglaries of the past year is very unsatisfactory.

The constructive remarks of Mr. Henneberry in the Legislature yesterday contain much that is worth considering. Mr. Henneberry is one of the brightest of the younger men in the House.

Never mind the debt. We dig up past civilizations; why shouldn't future ones dig up for us? What has posterity ever done for us anyway?

Many a girl's cruellest memory is that of her first "crush" when she wasted so many of her days around places trying to meet her dream-man "accidentally."

Minister suing for divorce says his wife made faces at him while he preached and slept during the services. The latter indictment suggests that maybe it was a couple of other people.

It is said by an authority that half the battle in rearing a profitable poultry flock is to have good chicks with which to start. We prefer to go a step further back and have good eggs.

Representation

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as good treatment as they do in other counties.

He did not consider that the wages which were at present being paid to the workers in the woods, sufficient. He thought the sooner the commission that was in charge of fixing lumbermen's wages was gotten rid of the better. He thought that the men in charge of this commission was not forceful enough in looking after the rights of the lumber workers and to fight for their rights.

Mr. LeBlanc also considered it a hardship on the various counties to pay the amounts which were charged against them for the Provincial Hospital. The member for Restigouche was optimistic as to the economic improvement since the coming to power of his party.

Railway Strike

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here of the committee of 17 unions which is negotiating with the C.P.R. and C.N.R. Some of the committee members have already arrived, but will not say whether or not they bring the ballots of their respective districts with them.

Supervised

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the world shows anything it is that when tree life goes, human life does not long survive in that area." He declared that the crux of the situation as it stands now is the immediate need of co-operation with nature to save the forests, not only for commercial reasons but because of their importance to life and health.

Professor A. B. Recknagel of Cornell University in a recent address on "Canada's forest wealth" referred to it as "green treasure."

In British Columbia there has been in recent years an awakening to the value of forests and the perils from fire and wasteful cutting to which they have been exposed. There is an appreciation of the axiom that forests should, and will, if adequately protected, produce forests. In this respect supervised cutting of trees is a prime necessity. Willful waste in this work must be checked if the forest is to have a chance to perpetuate itself. In its forestry programme the British Columbia Government keeps in view three objectives: Preservation of forests, protection of game, coupled with the production of fur and fish; and making the wooded areas accessible and attractive to tourists.

It is urged that the value of conservation and reforestation be taught in schools and a primer on these subjects be prepared.

Professor C. D. Howe, Dean of the School of Forestry, Toronto University, states that, "Over 80 per cent. of our forest area is owned by the Crown. Are we serving the best industrial interests of the country when we allow 3,000,000 acres on the average to be burned each year? This is the equivalent of a strip of land a mile wide from Halifax to Vancouver and one-third of the way back again."

"Are we serving the best economic interests of Canada in the long run when we sanction a system of cutting trees which makes little or no provision for a future crop on the cut over areas? A system that has in the past left behind it thousands of square miles of barren and semibarren lands."

"Are we serving the best industrial interests when we watch complacently the devastation of our forests to such an extent that our streams, wells, and springs are drying up—a condition of affairs that at times seriously interferes with the use of rivers for sustained hydro electric power development and the transportation of logs to the mills?"

Sir Samuel

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of precision undreamed of in 1918," that plans would be ready to repel any attack of British shipping in "narrow seas," and that the Singapore naval base was nearing completion.

After the speech, Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, former Labor First Lord of the Admiralty, asked if the dominions had been consulted concerning the general rearmament programme.

In the Legislative programme of the Federation of Labour, I noticed a request for legislation declaring the right of labour to organize into unions of their own choice. To me, such a request does not seem at all unreasonable. I have always recognized the absolute right of labour to organize for the protection of its rights.

Labour will find in this administration that consistent friendship which has been manifested through the years.

R. McALLISTER

R. McAllister, M.L.A., for Saint John County and member of the Opposition saw little improvement in the economic situation in the province.

He was in a skeptical mood and saw little improvement in the economic condition of the province. He argued that there was still a large number of unemployed. He did approve of the free seed distribution. He took exception to the impression which seemed current about Saint John County's alleged hoggish disposition. He hoped that the government would see its way clear to obtain justice in the distribution of hydro throughout the county of Saint John and control the monopoly which the city of Saint John now apparently holds in the distribution of this service.

DEATHS

NEILSON—On March 11th, 1937, James Elwood Neilson, aged 15 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Neilson.

Prayers at the home on King Street, Saturday afternoon, at 2.30. Followed by services at Christchurch Parish Church at 2.50 p.m., conducted by Rev. S. C. Gray. Interment at Rural Cemetery Extension.

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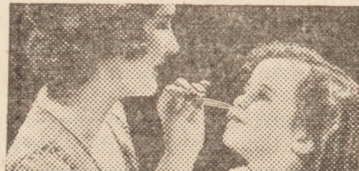
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than the settlement service provided by the department.

In co-operation with provincial governments a great many city-dwellers were assisted by the department to locate and establish farm homes for themselves.

A total of 4,136 persons were carried on Canadian National lines to new colonization areas in the northern parts of Quebec province. This and other colonization activities have resulted in the development of very large new farming areas in the province during the past six years. Dr. Black points out in this connection the population of the Abitibi area has been more than doubled, while figures for the 1936 five year census of the three Prairie Provinces show an increase in the six most northerly electoral districts of almost 17 p.c.

The western offices of the department reported a total of 690 families settled on 121,471 acres of land. These families, possessed sufficient funds to enable them to establish themselves on farms of their own. The department last year, through its farm employment service, was the means of establishing 3,181 persons on farms in various parts of Canada.

"In a general way, the outlook for the farmer improved during the year," Dr. Black said, "and, with the continued improvement in prices for farm products there is a growing evidence of a return to more normal conditions."

Many Americans

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100 left Batavia by rail yesterday for an overland tour to Djokjarta. From that point they will proceed by automobile to Semarang by way of Borobodeo, site of famous Khmer Ruins, rejoining the main party tonight.

During the stay here the Canadian Pacific cruise party spent most of its time sightseeing in and around Batavia and Weltevreden.

Prominent passengers were quoted in local papers as crediting returning prosperity in England and America with the large number of tourists taking cruises this winter.

The Empress of Britain is commanded this year by Captain G. R. Parry, R.D., R.N.R., Captain Stuart having been transferred to a shore position in Montreal.

From Semarang the cruise proceeds to Bali where a stay of two days is scheduled.

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